

### Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Notice of Non-Complaint mailed December 5, 2005. The present Response amends the status of claims 39-41, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-29, 34, and 39-41. Applicant's other remarks were detailed in the Response dated on Feb. 15, 2005, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

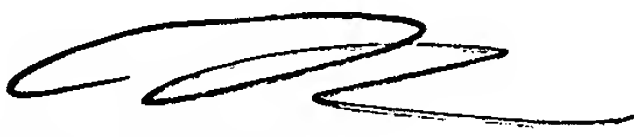
### Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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